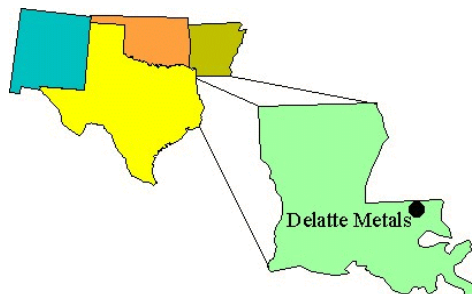


# DELATTE METALS SUPERFUND SITE

## Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana

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### Current Status

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) maintains the site and performs routine ground water monitoring. The cleanup was completed in September 2003, and the site was removed from the National Priorities list on August 8, 2005.

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### Benefits

The cleanup eliminated unacceptable health risks for future industrial workers, area residents, and to the environment. The 18.9-acre site area is available for future industrial use.

The cleanup addressed the following:

- Approximately 41,000 cubic yards (cy) of on-facility and 1,400 cy of off-facility soil were excavated, treated, and disposed of at an off-site landfill. The total weight of soil disposed of at the landfill was 85,444 tons. Approximately 10,000 cy of off-facility soil meeting on-facility cleanup levels was placed in the on-facility excavations.
- An estimated 1.5 million gallons of water was treated and discharged.
- Approximately 450 tons of concrete was disposed of as hazardous waste.
- A total of 33 acres was cleared and grubbed and all trees, shrubs, and stumps were chipped and scattered on-facility.
- Miscellaneous debris encountered during the remedial effort at the site was transported to the landfill and disposed of as non hazardous waste. Examples of miscellaneous debris include telephone poles, old tires, drums, Polyvinyl Chloride pipe, wood pieces, household trash, and other solid waste.
- Approximately 300 drums containing investigation-derived waste were disposed.
- Approximately 0.5 cy of asbestos containing material was removed from a storage building, double-bagged, and disposed as non hazardous waste material.

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### National Priorities List

Proposal Date: July 28, 1998  
Final Listing Date: January 19, 1999  
Final Deletion Date: August 8, 2005

Location: The Site includes the Delatte Metals, Inc., the abandoned North Ponchatoula Battery facility, and off-facility areas. The site is located at 19113 Weinberger Road in Tangipahoa Parish about 2.5 miles southeast of Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

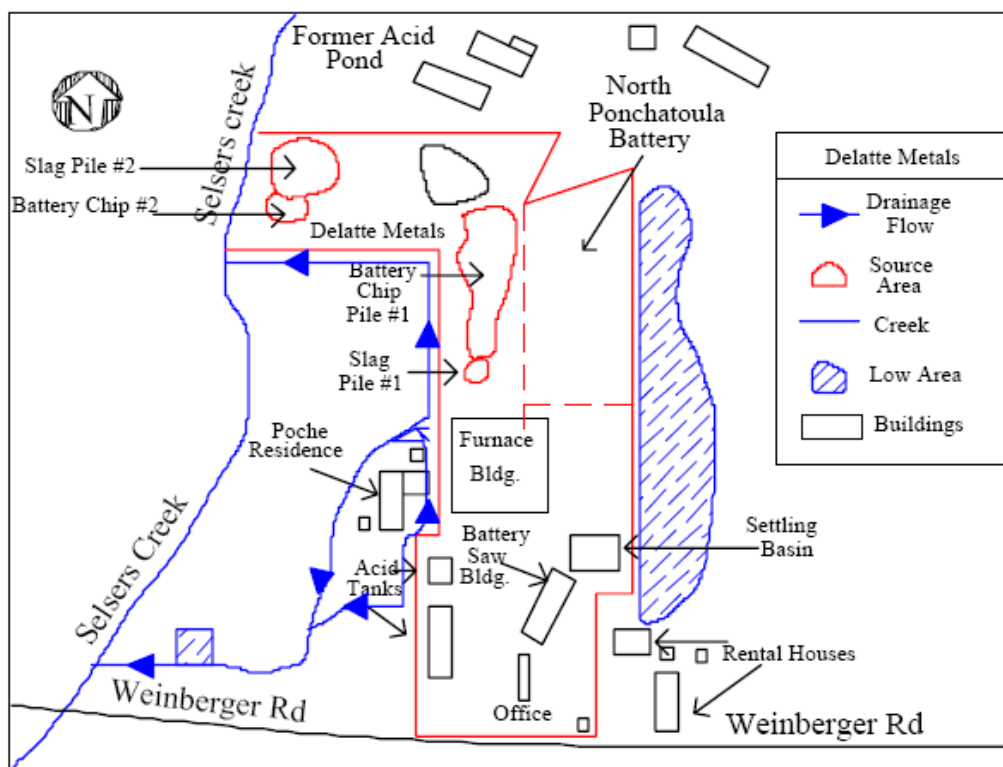
Population: There are approximately 645 residents that live within a 1-mile radius of the site

**Setting:** The combined area of the two facilities is approximately 18.9 acres. The total area of the site, encompassing both on-facility and off-facility areas, is 56.8 acres. The Site is in a rural area of Tangipahoa Parish. The Site consists of the original facilities, wetlands, tributaries, Selsers Creek, Cypress Swamp, undeveloped land, and residences. Weinberger Road is south of the facility area, and south of Weinberger Road is a residential neighborhood. East of the facility area is undeveloped land containing wetlands. Immediately north of the facility area is a residential neighborhood. West of the facility area is a residence, undeveloped land containing wetlands, and Selsers Creek. West of Selsers Creek is residential property, undeveloped land, and farmland.

The operations performed at the facility included spent lead-acid battery demolition to remove associated lead plates and the subsequent lead smelting of the lead plates to produce lead ingots. The typical process at the facility involved sawing off the tops of the batteries and removing the lead plates in the battery saw building. After opening the battery cases, the battery acid was drained into a sump. The acid was pumped to an unlined pond located on the north side of the Site. After the closure of the acid pond, the acid was pumped through an underground pipe to the acid tank farm. The spent acid was then shipped off-site for recycling.

**Principal Pollutants:** Several contaminated source piles and EPA removed facility structures from winter 1998 to spring 1999. About 85,444 tons of lead contaminated soil was removed during the remedial action. The first local water-bearing zone (Class 3B unusable shallow groundwater) was lead-contaminated and had acidic conditions. The third local water-bearing zone (Class 1B drinking water aquifer) was not contaminated.

## Site Map



## Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment

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The numerical cleanup goals are 1,700 ppm lead (industrial), 500 ppm lead (residential), 80 ppm lead (ecological). Lead is the most abundant and widespread contaminant of concern.

## Record of Decision

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Source and Groundwater: ROD signed September 26, 2000
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The ROD includes:

1. Immobilization to address the principal threat wastes in the soil thus eliminating the source of contamination for sediment, surface water, and ground water;
2. Off-site disposal to transport immobilized wastes to a disposal facility;
3. Permeable treatment walls to neutralize the acidity of the shallow ground water and limit the migration of dissolved metals;
4. Institutional controls for deed notices to inform the public of Site conditions; and,
5. Ground water monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of the selected remedy.

There are highly mobile lead source materials identified as principal threat wastes. These materials will undergo immobilization treatment and then be transported to an off-site disposal facility. The remaining low-level threat wastes will be contained on-site.

The installation of permeable treatment walls within the first local water-bearing zone will neutralize the acidity of the shallow ground water and limit the migration of dissolved metals. This will prevent any migration of soil contaminants into the viable aquifers and aid in the immobilization treatment process.

Deed notices will ensure that the cleanup will be protective for areas designated as industrial, residential, and ecological use. Continued ground water monitoring will verify the long-term effectiveness of this remedy.

## Explanation of Significant Differences

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The Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) was signed on December 14, 2004. The EPA issued this ESD to document the increase in cost; increase in waste volume treated and disposed; and, revisions to the cleanup values. The total volume of waste treated and disposed was 85,444 tons; this represents an increase of 32,794 tons over the estimated 52,650 tons presented in the September 26, 2000, Record of Decision (ROD). The final remedial action (RA) cost of \$13.1 million is an increase of \$3.2 million over the ROD estimate of \$9.9 million. Cleanup values were established for additional on-facility and off-facility areas identified for cleanup during the remedial action.

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